

Common Acronyms

A Acronyms:

AAC	Alternative Augmentative Communication
AB	Assembly Bill
ABA	Applied Behavior Analysis
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADR	Alternative Dispute Resolution
AIT	Auditory Integration Training
APE	Adaptive Physical Education
AS	Asperger Syndrome
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorders
ASL	American Sign Language
ASRD	Autism Spectrum Related Disorders
AT	Assistive Technology
AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress

B Acronyms:

BIP	Behavior Intervention Plan
BL	Blind

C Acronyms:

CAC	Community Advisory Committee
CAHSEE	California High School Exit Examination
CAPA	California Alternate Performance Assessment
CAPD	Central Auditory Processing Disorder
CBI	Community Based Instruction
CCS	California Children Services
CDE	California Department of Education
CDHS	California Department of Health Services

CMH County Mental Health

CP Cerebral Palsy

D Acronyms:

DBL Deaf-Blind

DCFS Department of Child and Family Services

DD Developmental Delays or Developmental Disability

DDS Department of Developmental Services

DHH Deaf/Hard of Hearing

DIS Designated Instruction and Services

DMH Department of Mental Health

DPSS Department of Public Social Services

DS Down Syndrome

DSM-IV Diagnostic & Statistical Manual, 4th edition

DTT Discrete Trial Training

E Acronyms:

ECE Early Childhood Education

ECSE Early Childhood Special Education

ED Emotional Disturbance

EI Early Intervention

ELL English Language Learner

ES Education Specialist

ESL English as a Second Language

ESY Extended School Year

F Acronyms:

FAPE Free Appropriate Public Education

FAS Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

FBA Functional Behavior Assessment

FC Facilitated Communication

FREC Family Focus Resource & Empowerment Center

G Acronyms:

GATE Gifted and Talented Education

GE General Education

H Acronyms:

HI Hearing Impaired

HoH Hard of Hearing

HQT Highly Qualified Teacher

I Acronyms:

IA Instructional Assistant

ID Intellectual Disabilities

IDEA Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

IEP Individualized Education Program

IFSP Individualized Family Service Plan

ISP Individual Service Plan

ITP Individualized Transition Plan

L Acronyms:

LD Learning Disability

LAS Language and Speech

LEA Local Education Agency

LEP Limited English Proficiency

LID Low Incidence Disability

LKS Landau-Kleffner Syndrome

LRE Least Restrictive Environment

LSD Language or Speech Disorder

LSH Language, Speech and Hearing Specialist (Speech Therapist)

M Acronyms:

MD or MH Multiply Disabilities or Multiply Handicapped

MR Mental retardation***

***Until October 2010, IDEA used the term “mental retardation.” In October 2010, Rosa’s Law was signed into law by President Obama. Rosa’s Law changed the term to be used in future to “intellectual disability.” The definition of the term itself did not change, only the use of “intellectual disability” instead of “mental retardation.”

N Acronyms:

NCLB	No Child Left Behind Act
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NPA	Non-Public Agency
NPS	Non-Public School
NT	Neurotypical (not disabled)

O Acronyms:

OH	Orthopedically Impairment
OHI	Other Health Impairment
O&M	Orientation and Mobility
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs
OT	Occupational Therapy

P Acronyms:

PAI	Protection and Advocacy
PBS	Positive Behavioral Supports
PD	Physical Disability
PDD	Pervasive Developmental Disorder
PECS	Picture Exchange Communication System
PLoP	Present Level of Performance
PP	Paraprofessional
PSI	Preschool Intensive
PT	Physical Therapy

Q Acronyms:

Q	Intelligence Quotient
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R Acronyms:

RS	Related Services
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RTI Response to Intervention

S Acronyms:

SAS Supplementary Aids and Services

SB Spina Bifida

SDC Special Day Class

SE Special Education

Section 504 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act

SED Serious Emotional Disturbance

SELPA Special Education Local Plan Area

SI Sensory Integration

SLD Specific Learning Disability

SLI Speech/Language Impairment

SLP Speech/Language Pathologist

T Acronyms:

TBI Traumatic Brain Injury

TDD Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf

TS Tourette Syndrome

U, V, W, X, Y, Z Acronyms:

VI Visual Impairment

Voc Ed Vocational Education

VR Vocational Rehabilitation

WWC What Works Clearinghouse